



**The Voice of Small Business**

To: Honorable Members of the Michigan House Commerce Committee  
From: Amanda Radaz, Assistant State Director  
Date: March 10, 2009  
Re: House Bill 4282

We are writing to ask that you do not vote HB 4282 out of committee.

This bill would debar contractors from contracts with the state if they had any violations of the state Prevailing Wage Act, the Consumer Protection Act or the National Resources and Environmental Act within the past three years.

The bill does not specify “knowingly” or “persistent” violators, but remains very broad. This can open up any business that may have received a minor infraction or made a mistake unknowingly to removal from any work on state contracts and continue to debar them for up to eight years. Many small business owners are working at several different roles in their company, and can easily be tripped up in the web of regulation that is a part of Michigan’s business environment. Once again, small business, the backbone of the Michigan economy, would be put at a disadvantage.

In these difficult economic times, the State of Michigan and its taxpayers would be best served by contracting with those companies who do the best job at the lowest cost. Not spending time in a game of “gotcha” with every vendor company that may have minor infractions.

Again, we ask for your “no” vote on HB 4282.

Thank you for your support of small business.